Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rose Marie Sehr and Ronald LaRoy Larson were born and raised in Harrisburg, South Dakota, and exchanged their wedding vows at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sioux Falls on April 3, 1957, just 2 weeks after Ron returned from Korea while serving in the U.S. Army; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple was stationed at Camp Walter, Texas, from April 1957 to August 1957, when Ron's unit was transferred to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, until May 1958, at which time they moved back to their hometown of Harrisburg; and,

Whereas, Ron and Rose became the parents of four children: Renee Lynn, Timothy Lee, Douglas James and Gregory Ronald, and are the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren: Jeremy, Misti, Brittani, Jami, Anna, Justin, Tyler, Lawson, Jade, Kelsi, Audrey, Elizabeth and Elijah; and,

Whereas, In 1969, Ron and Rose moved their family to Rapid City due to a job promotion for Ron with Foster-Bell Company and Rose obtained work as a bank teller. In 1974, the family moved back to Harrisburg where they started Ron Larson & Sons Construction Company and Rose continued her banking career attaining loan officer status with United National Bank in Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, In 1980, Ron obtained an accounting degree, and in 1986, Ron and Rose moved to Pierre where Ron was employed with the South Dakota Department of Revenue as the Audit Division Director and Rose worked for Dave Johnson Insurance Agency and later as office manager for ETI; and,

Whereas, In 1998, the Larsons retired to Belle Fourche where their spare time finds them enjoying time with family and friends, gardening and volunteering their time as commander and auxiliary president of the VFW Post 3312 from 2004-2006; and,

Whereas, Ron and Rose are members of the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche, they share a strong faith in God that has carried them through all of life's trials and tribulations and they are an inspiration to their family and all who know them; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize this couple on their 50th Wedding Anniversary as friends and family gather on June 2, 2007, to celebrate this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2007, as

RON AND ROSE LARSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State